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ONE MORE AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE FIASCO

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Nandor Kish looked at the television and movie cameras with a tense and strained expression:

"The American agent was called Robert Werner. Meetings with him were held in apartment 19 on the 7th floor of house number 6 on Bauern Markt, Vienna. This apartment was maintained by the Viennese department of American intelligence..."

Nandor Kish was a conductor on the Pullman car of the Budapest-Vienna Express. In the Fall of 1959 he was "recruited" by American intelligence. He immediately informed the Hungarian State Security organs. For seven years Nandor Kish "loyally served" the overseas bosses as the CIA agents thought. He was trained and controlled and his "circle of assignments" was constantly expanded. American intelligence was interested in military sites and the precise location of the defense dykes, water reservoirs, irrigation canals, etc.

"With the assistance of Nandor Kish and other Hungarian patriots we were able to establish the real name of Robert Werner," the head of the information bureau of the Council of Ministers of the Hungarian People's Republic Geza Nancsi stated at today's press conference held for Hungarian and foreign reporters. "It is József Banshagi. He left Hungary in 1944 and resided in the FRG and then in the United States. He arrived in Vienna in 1957 as a US intelligence officer."

Numerous facts and documents which exposed the subversive activity of US intelligence aimed against Hungary and other socialist countries were presented at the press conference. Banshagi-Werner